

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A network system for processing image data, comprising:
 - an image-processing apparatus including an image-reading section to read an image from a document;
 - 5 an image-printing apparatus including an image-printing section to print an image on a sheet;
 - a plurality of networks including a first network and a second network; and
 - 10 a plurality of information processing ~~apparatus apparatususes~~ including a first information processing apparatus coupled to said first network and a second information processing apparatus coupled to said second network;
 - 15 wherein said image-processing apparatus further includes:
an access restriction acquiring section to acquire an access restriction between said first information processing apparatus and said second information processing apparatus from any one of: (i) one of said plurality of information processing apparatususes, (ii) said image-printing apparatus, and (iii) a storage section provided in said image-processing apparatus itself; and
20 a routing section to conduct a routing operation between said first information processing apparatus and said

25 second information processing apparatus, based on said access
restriction acquired by said access restriction acquiring
section.

2. (Original) The network system of claim 1, wherein said image-processing apparatus further includes:

a first network I/F section, through which said image-processing apparatus is coupled to said first network; and
5 a second network I/F section, through which said image-processing apparatus is coupled to said second network.

3. (Currently Amended) The network system of claim 1, wherein said image-printing apparatus is coupled to either one of: (i) said image-processing apparatus, or anyone and (ii) one of said plurality of networks.

4. (Original) The network system of claim 1, wherein said image-processing apparatus and said image-printing apparatus are integrated into a single apparatus; and wherein said single apparatus is coupled to both said first network and said second
5 network.

5. (Original) The network system of claim 4, wherein said single apparatus is a digital copier.

6. (Currently Amended) The network system of claim 1,
wherein said plurality of information processing apparatus
includes apparatuses include a computer or a personal computer.

7. (Currently Amended) A network system for processing
image data, comprising:

an image-processing apparatus including an image-reading
section to read an image from a document;

5 an image-printing apparatus including an image-printing
section to print an image on a sheet;

a plurality of networks including a first network and a
second network; and

10 a plurality of information processing apparatus apparatuses
including a first information processing apparatus coupled to
said first network and a second information processing apparatus
coupled to said second network;

wherein said image-printing apparatus further includes:

15 an access restriction acquiring section to acquire an
access restriction between said first information processing
apparatus and said second information processing apparatus from
any one of: (i) one of said plurality of information processing
apparatuses, (ii) said image-processing apparatus, and (iii) a
storage section provided in said image-printing apparatus itself;
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a routing section to conduct a routing operation between said first information processing apparatus and said second information processing apparatus, based on said access restriction acquired by said access restriction acquiring section.

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8. (Original) The network system of claim 7, wherein said image-printing apparatus further includes:

a first network I/F section, through which said image-printing apparatus is coupled to said first network; and
5 a second network I/F section, through which said image-printing apparatus is coupled to said second network.

9. (Currently Amended) The network system of claim 7, wherein said image-processing apparatus is coupled to either one of: (i) said image-printing apparatus, or anyone and (ii) one of said plurality of networks.

10. (Original) The network system of claim 7, wherein said image-processing apparatus and said image-printing apparatus are integrated into a single apparatus; and wherein said single apparatus is coupled to both said first network and said second network.

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11. (Original) The network system of claim 10, wherein said single apparatus is a digital copier.

12. (Currently Amended) The network system of claim 7, wherein said plurality of information processing apparatus ~~includes apparatuses include~~ a computer ~~or a personal computer~~.

13. (Currently Amended) A network system for processing image data, comprising:

an image-processing apparatus including an image-reading section to read an image from a document;

5 an image-printing apparatus including an image-printing section to print an image on a sheet; and

an information processing apparatus coupled to both said image-processing apparatus and said image-printing apparatus through a network;

10 wherein one of said image-processing apparatus ~~or and~~ said image-printing apparatus further includes:

~~a provided function setting section to set a functional restriction for restricting a function to be provided for said information processing apparatus~~

15 a restriction information acquiring section to acquire restriction information, indicating functions, which are

providable from one of said image-processing apparatus and said image-printing apparatus to said information processing apparatus, from a storage section provided in one of said image-processing apparatus, said image-printing apparatus and said information processing apparatus; and

a providable function setting section to establish providable functions for said information processing apparatus, based on said restriction information acquired by said restriction information acquiring section.

14. (Currently Amended) The network system of claim 13, wherein said image-processing apparatus and said image-printing apparatus are integrated into a single apparatus; and wherein said single apparatus includes said provided providable function setting section.

15. (Original) The network system of claim 14, wherein said single apparatus is a digital copier.

16. (Currently Amended) The network system of claim 13, wherein said information processing apparatus is a computer or a personal computer.

Claims 17-20 (Canceled).